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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS

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OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 43.7 degrees, 2.2 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, April 2. Precipitation averaged 0.65 inches, 0.29 inches below normal. The Central Hills region received the most precipitation with 0.98 inches. The Northeast district was the driest with only 0.44 inches of precipitation. Growing degree days for the past week were 13 points below normal.

Reporters rated 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, March 31. This is two days behind last year and 0.6 days behind the 1995-99 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 4 percent very short, 23 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2000	3.2	NA	3.2
1999	5.2	NA	5.2
1995-1999	3.8	NA	3.8

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	4	23	64	9
Last Week	NA	NA	NA	NA
Same Week Last Year	5	27	63	5
1995-1999 Average	2	10	64	24

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 2

Reporters estimated that winter wheat is 9 percent jointed, 4 days behind last year's schedule and approximately one week behind the the 1995-99 average. Twenty-three percent of the oat crop has been planted. This is 2 days ahead of last year and about 6 days ahead of the five year average. Tobacco growers have 31 percent of tobacco beds seeded, about 2 days ahead of last year. Six percent of tobacco beds have visible growth, about 1 day ahead of 1999. Potatoes are 5 percent planted. This is about 2 days ahead of last year and 7 days ahead of the 1995-99 average.

Activities throughout the state included applying anhydrous ammonia, fertilizer, and lime; hauling manure, plowing, chiseling, discing, applying pre-emergence herbicides, burning brush, clearing fence rows, equipment maintenance and preparation, installing tile, moving grain, sowing oats and alfalfa seedings, planting grasses and legumes, and buying seed.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reporters rated 84 percent of the winter wheat crop in good to excellent condition. Pasture conditions are fair to good, but remain a concern due to an overall lack of subsoil moisture. Producers are still feeling the effects of the 1999 drought. A Pickaway county reporter mentioned that pastures are starting to green up, but that stands are significantly reduced from the dry weather last year. A Richland county reporter said that several pastures need to be re-seeded due to grass and legumes burning up during last year's drought.

Livestock producers reported good to excellent conditions with few exceptions. Mild winter weather conditions caused respiratory problems and death in cattle in portions of northern Ohio.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 2

Crop	2000	1999	1995-99 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Oats planted	23	21	12	NA	NA
Potatoes planted	5	2	1	NA	NA
Tobacco beds seeded	31	25	NA	NA	NA
Tobacco beds having plants up	6	4	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat jointed	9	3	NA	NA	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 2

PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	10	33	44	10
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	1	11	32	50	23
WINTER WHEAT					
Current Week	0	2	14	50	34
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	0	3	16	63	18

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 2

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	44.0	0.5	0.59	-0.18	0.03	-0.24	22	-3	12	5
North Central	43.9	0.1	0.78	-0.04	0.33	0.03	17	-9	11	4
Northeast	42.8	-0.5	0.52	-0.48	0.31	-0.06	17	-10	12	4
West Central	44.2	-1.1	0.72	-0.21	0.26	-0.08	24	-7	13	4
Central	44.1	-2.5	0.71	-0.21	0.30	-0.05	25	-10	14	4
Central Hills	43.6	-1.2	1.01	0.05	0.63	0.23	20	-11	12	4
Northeast Hills	43.7	-1.8	0.65	-0.33	0.29	-0.11	23	-11	14	5
Southwest	45.3	-2.5	0.84	-0.23	0.35	-0.03	30	-8	16	4
South Central	46.0	-3.0	0.50	-0.44	0.06	-0.26	39	-7	19	5
Southeast	44.4	-3.2	0.51	-0.43	0.11	-0.24	32	-9	16	4
STATE	44.3	-1.6	0.67	-0.26	0.25	-0.10	25	-8	14	4

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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